

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 15 through 32 have previously been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 65 is currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, no claims are withdrawn from consideration, claims 1, 12, 48, and 56 are currently amended, and no claims are newly presented.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for apportioning food, the device being configured to provide, in response to user input specifying a predetermined number of calories, a portion of food having the a predetermined number of calories.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, comprising:

a scale for dynamically weighing apportioned food,

wherein the device is configured to correlate weight of the apportioned food with calories

and to cease apportioning food when a correlated weight substantially corresponds to the predetermined number of calories.

3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2, wherein correlation is performed based on one or more instructions stored in a tangible medium.

4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2, wherein the device is configured to access internal or external software including instructions for correlating weight of the apportioned food into calories and causing the device to cease apportioning food when the weight is substantially equivalent to the predetermined number of calories.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is configured to correlate the predetermined number of calories into one or more food units of a particular size, each food unit comprising a number of calories equal to a portion of the predetermined number of calories, and to apportion the one or more food units based on a desired number of calories.

6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of calories is selected from the group consisting of about 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 750, and 1000.

7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said device is one or more of a slicer, shredder, or dicer.

8. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 5, wherein the correlation is performed based on one or more instructions stored in a tangible medium.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the food is selected from the group consisting of cheese, fruit, vegetables, poultry, meat, fish and bread.

10. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, wherein the device is configured to access internal or external software including instructions for correlating the predetermined number of calories into one or more food units of a particular size, each food unit comprising a number of calories equal to the predetermined number of calories divided by the total number of food units, and for apportioning the one or more food units based on the desired number of calories.

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 10, wherein one or more instructions are associated with enterprise resource planning (ERP) software.

12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 3, wherein the device is a slicer, the one or more food units are slices, and the particular size is characterized by a slice thickness associated with a slice surface area.

13. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 4, wherein one or more instructions are associated with enterprise resource planning (ERP) software.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a fruit and/or vegetable sorting machine.

15.-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A package containing multiple servings of food, the package having an indication thereon of the approximate number of calories of the food in the package; and an indication thereon of the approximate number of calories of one of the multiple servings of the food in the package, wherein the two approximate numbers are different.

34. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the total number of calories is about 20 or more calories greater than the number of calories of one serving.

35. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the total number of calories is about 50% or more greater than the number of calories of one serving.

36. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the indications are in the form of a table.

37. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the indications are printed.

38. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 37, wherein the indications are on a label.

39. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the indications are in electronic form.

40. (Previously Presented) A plurality of packages of food, wherein each package of food has an indication thereon of a uniform caloric content of 50 calories or multiples thereof.

41. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein each package of food has an indication thereon of nutritional information per uniform caloric content.

42. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein at least two of the packages contain different types of foods.

43. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein at least two of the packages have different weights.

44. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein the indication is in the form of a table.

45. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein the indication is printed.

46. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 45, wherein the indication is on a label.

47. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein the indication is in electronic form.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
receiving input corresponding to a food product;
determining caloric content of the food product based on the input;
deriving, based on the caloric content, nutritional content of the food product in accordance with a pre-determined number of calories; and
presenting the nutritional content to a consumer in accordance with the pre-determined number of calories.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, comprising utilizing the pre-determined number of calories across a plurality of other food products for deriving nutritional content corresponding to the plurality of other food products.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is 50 or a multiple thereof.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the number of calories per serving of the food product is not presented to the consumer.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is different from the number of calories per suggested serving size of the food product or number of calories per weight unit of the food product.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is 50% or more calories greater than the number of calories per suggested serving size of the food product.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the nutritional content includes: the weight content, the price, the fat content, the saturated fat content, the unsaturated fat content, the trans fat content, the protein content, the carbohydrate content, or the vitamin and mineral content, or a combination thereof.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is selected from the group consisting of 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 600, 750, and 1000.

56. (Currently Amended) A packaging material for packaging a plurality of different types of food products in an assembly of food products, the packaging material displaying the caloric content of each of the different types of food products as a pre-determined number of calories, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is 50 or a multiple thereof; wherein the assembly of food products comprise a plurality of packages of food products.

57. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, each of the plurality of different types of food products having the same pre-determined number of calories.

58. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the packaging material further displays nutritional content of each of the different types of food product per the predetermined number of calories for each of the different types of food products.

59. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the predetermined number is 50 or 100.

60. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the number of calories per serving of the food products is not displayed.

61. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein each food product comprises plural servings and the pre-determined number of calories is greater than the number of calories per serving.

62. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the pre-determined-number of calories of each of the food products is 50% or more greater than the number of calories per serving.

63. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the nutritional content of each of the food products being reported comprises the weight, price, fat (saturated and unsaturated), protein, carbohydrate, vitamin and mineral content of the product.

64. (Previously Presented) The packaging material of claim 56, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is selected from the group consisting of 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 600, 750 and 1000.

65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously Presented) An apparatus configured to:

- (a) weigh food and determine a number of calories associated with a particular weight and particular type of food;
- (b) provide other nutritional information based on the number of calories and the particular type of food; and
- (c) determine a price for weighed food.

67. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the apparatus is configured to be provided at a point-of-sale terminal.

68. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the number of calories and/or the other nutritional information are presented to a user via a display.

69. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the number of calories is determined based on a plurality of predefined associations for the type of food relating a plurality of weights to a plurality of calories.

70. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 69, wherein the plurality of associations is stored in a memory of the apparatus or retrieved from an external storage.

71. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 70, wherein the plurality of associations retrieved from an external storage location is associated with an enterprise resource planning (ERP) software.

72. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 70, wherein the plurality of associations is stored in a weight-calorie conversion table.

73. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the number of calories and/or the other nutritional information is presented to a user via a printing device.

74. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the other nutritional information includes fat content, saturated fat content, trans fat content, protein content, carbohydrate content, vitamin content, and/or mineral content.

75. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the apparatus is configured to aggregate a plurality of determined numbers of calories, including the number of calories associated with a plurality of types of food.

76. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the apparatus is integrated with or communicatively coupled to another device.

77. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the apparatus comprises one or more of a wrapping machine, size reduction machine, label printer, or cash register.

78. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein the apparatus is further configured to provide aggregated other nutritional information, including the other nutritional information, associated with the plurality of types of food, and to determine an aggregated price for a plurality of weighed foods, including the weighed food.

79. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the determined number of calories is about 50 calories or a multiple thereof.

80. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the determined number of calories is about 100 calories or a multiple thereof.

81. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the apparatus provides the other nutritional information in relation to a pre-determined number of calories of the particular type of food.

82. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 81, wherein the price is determined in relation to the pre-determined number of calories and a unit price for the pre-determined number of calories is provided.

83. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 81, wherein a unit weight for the pre-determined number of calories is provided.

84. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 81, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is 100.

85. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the approximate number of calories of any one of the multiple of servings is 50 or 100.

86. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the approximate total number of calories of the multiple of servings is a multiple of 50 or 100.

87. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 33, wherein the indications are provided on the front of the package.

88. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein the plurality of packages are within an arrangement of packages.

89. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 88, wherein the arrangement comprises a container.

90. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 88, wherein the arrangement comprises a display.

91. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein each package of food has an indication thereon of a uniform caloric content of 100 calories or multiples thereof.

92. (Previously Presented) The plurality of packages of claim 40, wherein the indications are provided on the front of the package.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the pre-determined number of calories is 100 or a multiple thereof.

94. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a scale configured to weigh food; and
a processor configured to dynamically determine caloric content and at least one other piece of nutritional information for a particular quantity of food being weighed by the scale, wherein the nutritional information, along with a price for the particular quantity of food, is output to a display for presentation in accordance with a pre-determined number of calories.